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TAGS: PGOV, ETRN, WB, UR

SUBJECT: CIVAIR: MAT REQUEST FOR MOSCOW FLIGHT

REF: MOSCOW 9354 (NOTAL)

- 1. REFTEL (BEING REPEATED TO BONN AND DEPARTMENT) REQUESTED MISSION NOTIFY MODERN AIR TRANSPORT (MAT) OF SOVIET REFUSAL OF MAT APPLICATION FOR CHARTER FLIGHT FROM TEGEL TO MOSCOW ON SEPTEMBER 4, 1973, AND RETURN ON SEPTEMBER 6, WHICH HAS BEEN DONE.
- 2. SOVIET NOTE TO EMBASSY STATES THAT EXECUTION OF THE FLIGHT
 "WITH THE USE OF ONE OF THE AIR CORRIDORS INTO WEST BERLIN WOULD
 BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE AGREEMENTS AND RULES IN FORCE WHICH CONCERN
 AIR COMMUNICATION WITH THIS CITY." MISSION BELIEVES THIS ASSERTION
 SHOULD NOT BE LEFT UNCHALLENGED AND RECOMMENDS THAT EMBASSY MOSCOW
 BE AUTHORIZED TO RESPOND ALONG THE FOLLOWING LINES: THE EMBASSY
 REGRETS THE REFUSAL OF THE APPLICATION FOR A CHARTER FLIGHT FROM
 WEST BERLIN TO MOSCOW BY THIS U.S. CARRIER, A FLIGHT WHICH WOULD
 IN NO WAY BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE ESTABLISHED PRACTICES AND
 QUADRIPARTIDY AGREED RULES FOR UTILIZATION OF THE AIR CORRIDORS
 AND BERLIN CONTROL ZONE. WHILE COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS MAKE
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IT TOO LATE TO REQUEST RECONSIDERATION OF THE PRESENT CASE, THE

EMBASSY
HOPES THAT ANY FUTURE APPLICATION OF THIS KIND WOULD RECEIVE FAVORABLE
CONSIDERATION.

3. FLIGHT IN QUESTION WOULD HAVE INCLUDED STOPS IN COPENHAGEN TO PICK UP AND DROP OFF SOVIET NAVIGATOR, BUT THIS ELEMENT WAS CLEARLY INSUFFICIENT TO ALTER FUNDAMENTAL SOVIET POSITION ON CORRIDOR FLIGHTS FROM WEST BERLIN TO NON-FRG DESTINATIONS.KLEIN

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